

**08-1224 UNITED STATES V. COMSTOCK**

DECISION BELOW: 551 F.3d 274

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 07-7671, 07-7672, 07-7673, 07-7674, 07-7675

**QUESTION PRESENTED:**

Whether Congress had the constitutional authority to enact 18 U.S.C. 4248, which authorizes court-ordered civil commitment by the federal government of (1) "sexually dangerous" persons who are already in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, but who are coming to the end of their federal prison sentences, and (2) "sexually dangerous" persons who are in the custody of the Attorney General because they have been found mentally incompetent to stand trial.

CERT. GRANTED 6/22/2009